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**Weekend Report from R8**

***Powertech Uranium In-Situ Recovery Project (SD)*** -- In late October or November, we anticipate issuing draft UIC permits and an aquifer exemption decision to Powertech USA, Inc. for a proposed uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) project northwest of Edgemont, South Dakota. These UIC permits will be the first EPA has directly issued for uranium recovery nationwide, and include some requirements that will be new to the uranium ISR industry to ensure adequate protection of underground sources of drinking water (USDWs). The proposed project site is near the Black Hills, where at least 38 tribal nations have historic claims or consider this area to be sacred. Through consultation, several tribes have raised concerns about potential impacts on historic properties of cultural importance. Following issuance of the draft permits, we will provide interested tribes and other stakeholders specific information about how the UIC permits propose to protect USDWs at the site. There will be a 60 day public comment period and four public hearings held near the site to allow ample opportunity for tribes and other stakeholders to provide comments. We will continue to encourage interested tribes to consult with us through the permitting process. We expect to receive many adverse comments and that a final decision to issue UIC permits would be appealed. We are coordinating with OGC and OW.

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